

## IASbaba's Daily Quiz

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**Q.1) Consider the following statements about South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SARTTAC)**

1. It is a venture by the National Development Bank
2. India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka are members of SARTTAC

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q.1) Solution (b)**

SARTTAC is a collaborative venture between the IMF, the member countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka), and development partners.

The Center aims at helping its member countries strengthen their institutional and human capacity to design and implement macroeconomic and financial policies that promote growth and reduce poverty in a rapidly growing region that is home to one fifth of the world's population.

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South Asia is a rapidly growing region that is home to one fifth of the world's population. SARTTAC will allow the IMF to meet more of the high demand for technical assistance and training from the region. Through its team of international resident experts, SARTTAC is expected to become the focal point for the delivery of IMF capacity development services to South Asia.

SARTTAC, the newest addition to the IMF's global network of fourteen regional centers, is a new kind of capacity development institution, fully integrating customized hands-on training with targeted technical advice in a range of macroeconomic and financial areas, and generating synergies between the two. SARTTAC is located in world class facilities in New Delhi and is financed mainly by its six member countries — Bangladesh, Bhutan, India,

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Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka — with additional support from Australia, the Republic of Korea, the European Union and the United Kingdom.

A global network of fourteen regional technical assistance and training centers anchor IMF support for economic institution building and are complemented by global thematic funds for capacity development. They are financed jointly by the IMF, external development partners, and member countries.

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=158430>

**Q.2) The 11th edition of the Aero India International Seminar, a prelude to the Aero India 2017 was held in Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Consider the following statements**

1. It is being organized by DRDO in association with the Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI)
2. The theme of the seminar is 'Aerospace: Technology Collaboration and Self-Reliance'

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q.2) Solution (c)**

In News - <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/mbErel.aspx?relid=158402>

**Q.3) Consider the following statements about Sandspit**

1. A spit or sandspit is a deposition bar or beach landform found off coasts or lake shores
2. The longest spit in the world is the Arabat Spit in the Sea of Azov
3. Farewell Spit is a narrow sand spit at the northern end of the Golden Bay, South Island of New Zealand

**Which of the following statements is/are correct?**

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3

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- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

### Q.3) Solution (d)

A spit or sandspit is a deposition bar or beach landform found off coasts or lake shores. It develops in places where re-entrance occurs, such as at a cove's headlands, by the process of longshore drift by longshore currents. The drift occurs due to waves meeting the beach at an oblique angle, moving sediment down the beach in a zigzag pattern. This is complemented by longshore currents, which further transport sediment through the water alongside the beach. These currents are caused by the same waves that cause the drift.

The longest spit in the world is the Arabat Spit in the Sea of Azov. It is approximately 110 kilometres (68 mi) long.

The longest spit in a freshwater body of water is Long Point, Ontario, which extends approximately 32 km (20 mi) into Lake Erie.

Farewell Spit in New Zealand, at 32 km (20 mi), in the north-west area of South Island, is believed to be caused by the strong prevailing winds and currents, bringing sand eroded from the Southern Alps of the South Island and depositing these into Golden Bay.

A well-known spit in the UK is Spurn Point at the mouth of the Humber River; it is approximately 4.8 km (3.0 mi) long.

The Curonian Spit, off the coast of Lithuania and Kaliningrad Oblast of Russia, separates the Curonian Lagoon from the Baltic Sea; it is 98 km long (61 mi). In a similar fashion, the Vistula Spit separates the Vistula Lagoon from the Gdańsk Bay off the coast of Poland.

Zlatni Rat, a popular pebble beach jutting southward from the harbor town of Bol, on the Croatian island of Brač, is formed by Adriatic currents flowing east and west through the Hvar Channel, along the southern side of the island. The spit bends slightly west or east, changing its direction gradually, depending on the conditions of the tides and weather.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/New-Zealanders-race-to-save-stranded-pilot-whales/article17283181.ece>

### Q.4) Cetaceans consists of

1. Porpoises
2. Whales

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3. Dolphins

Select the correct code:

- a) 1 and 2
- b) 2 and 3
- c) 1 and 3
- d) All of the above

**Q.4) Solution (d)**

Cetaceans are a widely distributed and diverse clade of aquatic mammals that today consists of the whales, dolphins, and porpoises.

In News - <http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/New-Zealanders-race-to-save-stranded-pilot-whales/article17283181.ece>

**Q.5) Consider the following statements about 'Khelegi toh Khilegi'**

- 1. It is a pan-India football based programme for girls between the age to 10-15 years
- 2. It was launched by Nurturing Excellence in Sports Trust (NEST) along with National Yuva Cooperative Society

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q.5) Solution (c)**

In News - [http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/khelegi-toh-khilegi-a-pan-india-initiative-for-girl-s-football-launched-in-the-capital-117012500362\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/khelegi-toh-khilegi-a-pan-india-initiative-for-girl-s-football-launched-in-the-capital-117012500362_1.html)